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Club meetings are held on
the first Monday of each
month at the SC RSA
Clubrooms, Wai-iti Road,
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Upcoming Events

March 9th	SC Wine & Food Festival Hadlow 12.30 - 6.30pm
March 15	Havelock Mussel Festival
March 21 - 24 Easter	Southern Connection Ashburton – 3 weeks !!
April 5th	23rd Winchester Swap meet
April 7th	Club Meeting SCRSA 7.45
April 13	All American Day Timaru
May 3rd	Ashburton Swapmeet
May 4th	Ashburton Plains Rotary Club's 15th annual classic car run from 8.30am
May 5th	Club Meeting SCRSA 7.45
June 2	Queens Birthday Weekend
June 2	All British Day Timaru & All Ford Day Westport
June 9	Club Meeting SCRSA 7.45

Fairlie Museum Saturday 23 February

A very hot day for the Tractor and Car runs leaving Fairlie at 9.30am and returning about 2.30pm for a look around the old and new parts of the museum.

A great collection of vehicles in good running order including tractors, trucks, stationary motors, stage coach and lots of gigs. Plus a lot of projects to be completed - a credit to the team that organises and restores these vehicles.

A big crowd followed the Fairlie Pipe Band from the old complex to the new complex for the opening ceremony, where the Ribbon was cut by John O'Neill, Mayor of the Mackenzie District.

This was followed by a BBQ meal for those who had booked a place.

Peter and Mary Hunter.

SOUTHERN CONNECTION 2008 ASHBURTON

21 - 24 MARCH 2008

Member Attendance and Car Registration Form

Name

Partner's Name

Childrens' Names

Postal Address

Email Address

Phone No

Club

Vehicle (Incl. Reg. No.)

Costs for Weekend

Adult: \$98.50 each	\$.....
Child (5-14yrs): \$45 each	\$
Child (1-5 yrs): \$25 each	\$
Registration Deposit of \$25 (if not paid)	\$

Total \$

Weekend cost includes

Friday afternoon – run

Friday night – mystery trip, entertainment and some light refreshments

Saturday night – dinner and entertainment

Sunday lunch

Sunday night – dinner and entertainment

Monday – morning tea

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Southern Connection 2008



It's hard to believe that time has gone so fast. Almost 2 years ago we started organizing for Southern Connection 2008, and in 3 weeks time it will be upon us.

I hope you have started packing your bags for this weekend of fun and renewing old friendships. Ladies don't forget those bikinis as Hotel Ashburton has an indoor heated swimming pool; also don't forget your dancing shoes.

The Shell service station on West Street is the preferred fuel station for the weekend, so please don't arrive with full tanks, as one lucky Southern Connection customer who shops there is in to win a great prize.

The organizing committee has put a lot of effort into ensuring that you all have an interesting and enjoyable weekend.

Registrations start from 2pm on the Friday 21st in the Valetta Room at the Hotel Ashburton. The entrance to the Valetta Room is on the West side of the Hotel facing Racecourse Road.

Those of you who wish to go on the Friday afternoon run PLEASE be ready as we hope to leave at 2.30pm. This is only a short run to an interesting venue. A gold coin donation is appreciated and afternoon tea is available at \$5 per head.

For those of you arriving later, please remember we are meeting back in the Valetta Room at 6.30pm for the official welcome, and then leaving at 6.45pm by bus to a local attraction. PLEASE, be on time as we are running to a tight schedule

So the scene's set, we've ordered some great weather. We will see you in Ashburton on Friday 21st march for a fun-packed weekend.

Ross Warner

Chairman

Heard on a Air New Zealand flight. "Ladies and gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the smoking section on this airplane is on the wing and if you can light 'em, you can smoke 'em."

President's Report

Another month has gone and yes it is March, Southern Connection month. Registrations are still open and we do have a cut off date.

Your Southern Connection committee has spent several hours and a lot of travel to make this a fantastic weekend so come and support your club - get involved.

Another great weekend at Ranfurly - thanks to Jim Macdonald for organising it. Some of our members got dressed up in period clothes which adds to the weekend. Don't miss out next year - contact Jim if you wish to go.

It is great to hear that members are sending Mary-Jean photos and reports on club events - this is making her job a lot easier - keep it up, its a great mag we have.

Hope to see you at the Southern Connection.

Rookie



Editor's Report

What a short month its been, I don't know where all the days go.

A big thanks to everyone for all the reports and photos as everyone sees things from a different perspective and boy does it make a difference.

The Art Deco fashions were a great hit and if anyone is needing clothes to use for the era of their car. I have a collection which is a passion of mine and you are welcome to come and borrow or I might be able to source for you. It does make a difference to your event and is fun to do.

See the photos on ladies page in this months mag.

Till next month.

Mary-Jean



Club Gossip

Our Zodiac heads south.....

It all happened in Christchurch last Easter at the International Convention. Dave Blain from the Invercargill ZZ Club called in to see me at our motel and we got talking about a Zodiac his Dad had owned back in 1966.

This car was Oxford Blue and was automatic, and as there were only two sold at that time through Hutcheson Motors, he thought our car could have belonged to his Dad. I couldn't remember the names on the ownership papers but found the service book in the side pocket and guess what!!! Dave was elated to find the car again and recalled many memories of travelling to Akaroa to their holiday home.

Dave asked me to contact him if I ever wanted to sell the car. Many months later, I was talking to Malcolm and Peter Stewart and mentioned I might sell the Zodie. Well the bush telegraph works pretty well down this way and I got a ring over Christmas from Dave and Jenny. Their daughter was getting married in three weeks time and they would like to either buy or borrow the car.

After much deliberation, I decided to sell the car. It was about three weeks before the car was picked up, so by the time it went, I had got used to not owning it.

Sad to see the car go, but as Dave and Jenny said, "it's going to a good home". Now we haven't got to choose which Z car to take on runs anymore, but I have got a gap in the garage!!!

Bob Stevens

Hamish, Phil's son, borrowed MK2 Convertible to do a friend's wedding in Wanaka last month - it went well and he had a ball.



Phil and Mary-Jean in Art Deco fashions



Christine and Alan Ligget with daughter Alice in Family section of fashion parade



Alice Ligget and Jessica Parr in girls section fashion parade



Ligget and Parr families in Art Deco fashions

Local Club Run 10 February

On an overcast but pleasant day - 6 cars assembled at Washdyke for an afternoon cruise through Rosewill, Levels Valley to the airport. Bob knew there had been a big gathering of light planes but they had departed.

On to Pleasant Point where the icecreams and a pie were enjoyed. Alison's ice cream fell off the cone so back to the dairy to have it replaced which they did. Mike's MK 4 left the run there with a rear brake problem. On we go again heading for Geraldine via Seven Sisters Road. Arriving at Geraldine we had afternoon tea beside the camping ground. A good social outing had by those that attended leaving for home about 4.16pm.

Neville Jarvis.

All British Day North Otago

BRITISH CARS OUT IN FORCE.

Up bright & early to clean the last of the dust off the Zeph to ensure all looking good for the big day out.

Arrived in Oamaru to a nice sunny day, registered then had a look around the mixture of car's that were already there ranging from Minis, Austins, Jags Austin Healey's & even a lone motorbike. About 100 cars in total.

Departed on run & headed through the back of Oamaru, through Ngapara past an amazing paddock of sunflowers & past the old lime works.

Stopped for lunch at the Ngapara sports ground where upon arrival we all did a time trial of throwing rings over poles while driving, (I missed all 4) then you had to throw a ball through a hoop, once again I missed. Over-looking the grounds is a limestone cliff where many a pigeon has made their home.

Headed back to Oamaru where they had organised for us to attend the grand parade at the A&P show, We then parked up inside the arena for the public to have a look at our cars while we had a look around the show then headed inside for the prizegiving and a cuppa and a bite to eat.

The rally sheet had a lot of interesting facts about the area so overall it was a great day out.

Stephen & Karen Rouse

Art Deco Weekend - Ranfurly

Ranfurly has become the centre of rural art deco in this country. The style arrived in the early 1930's after a series of suspicious fires destroyed a number of buildings, including the town hall and a hotel. Ranfurly has 44 art deco buildings covering 1930 - 1950 period.

Once again we set off for Patearoa and the Ranfurly Art Deco Weekend - Anne, myself and our English friends, Jo and Laurie. The car was full, the boot was full and the fuel topped up. After a brief stop at Palmerston for petrol, we found a picnic spot and had a sandwich and a cuppa.

We arrived at the Hotel on Friday night and caught up with Don, Ruth, Mary Jean and Phil, who had arrived earlier in the day. This was a great social night with a meal and some liquid refreshments, and the evening was warm so we were able to sit outside.

After a great breakfast on Saturday, we all travelled into Ranfurly for the Festival. We parked the cars, put up the club flags and headed into the main street.

We looked at some of the great old cars that were ready to take part in the rally. Phil decided to take part in the car rally in his MkII convertible and Laurie and I joined him. The rally took us to Naseby where we parked up for lunch. On our return journey we called into the new Curling facility which is a great setup. We were given a tour by the Manager and sampled some of their finest brew!!

Leaving there we travelled back to Ranfurly and met up with the rest of our group to enjoy the day's entertainment.

In the evening we returned to Patearoa for more eating, refreshments, a chat, and to watch the cricket/rugby.

Sunday saw everyone up for breakfast then a cruise to Naseby to check out the curling again and for a coffee at the local hotel.

We left for our trip home, stopping at Palmerston for lunch.

Once again, this was a great weekend and we have booked in for next year.

Meeting Jock Littlejohn, a previous owner of the MkII.

On Saturday afternoon when we returned to our car, we met a chap who had tried to buy the MkII when it was owned by Jock Littlejohn. He talked



It was used by the Davidson's as their car until about 1996 when it was left in the garage for the next 10 or so years until I bought it in July 2007.

It has needed quite a lot of work to put it back on the road. These cars were a long way ahead of their time coming out with 4 wheel independent suspension, disc brakes and all four wheels. A v6 motor with the spare wheel in the front of the car - an early attempt at an air bag perhaps.

Peter Hunter.



MY MARK 4 ZODIAC 1967



This car arrived at Timaru Motors in Timaru with the intention that it be owned by Sir Basil Arthur but due to ill health was not required by him. It was then bought by Robert Davidson Jnr of Davidson's Honey.



to us for some time about the car and suggested we take the MkII around for Jock to see it.

When I spoke to Jock on the phone, he was very keen to see the car, so we called round to his home.

Jock is unwell, but when we arrived he was sitting on the veranda waiting for us with his ventilator hooked up. The smile on his face when he saw the car was amazing. He was really pleased to see his old car, affectionately named "Mary Jane" after the Mawhinny sisters who originally owned it.

Jock insisted that we come inside for a small dram. He told us many stories about the car - he recalled the time he was driving the car and realised it had very little petrol left. He had quite a hill to climb on the way home, so he turned the car around and reversed it up the hill.

He asked me if I had the original leather tool case, which we still carry in the car. He thought he had some of the tools still in his "Bastard Box" in the garage and sure enough, there were a couple of spanners in the box, which he very kindly gave us.

It was great to catch up with Jock and his wife - it was a very special part of our weekend in Ranfurly. Thanks Jock and Toni for making us so welcome in your home.

Bob and Anne Stevens.



